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1. I MET WITH YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR SOBAJIC ON JULY 30 AT WHICH TIME HE RELATED TO ME SUBSTANCE OF TWO CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR KAN YEH-TAO OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA. FIRST DEALT WITH CHINESE VIEW OF RECENT UNITED STATES-SOVIET DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY RELATE TO CHINESE INTERESTS WHILE SECOND CONCERNED WITH CHINESE REACTIONS TO JULY 17 COUP IN AFGHANISTAN (SEPARATE TELEGRAM).

2. IN HIS JULY 14 CONVERSATION WITH THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR, KAN YEH-TAO REITERATED HIS CONVICTION THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS ENGAGED IN A LONG TERM WORLD WIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CHINESE. RUSSIAN STRATEGIC POLICY IS SEEN AS A "SEAMLESS WEB" WITH ALL EFFORTS ORCHESTRATED AGAINST CHINA. THE RECENT NIXON-BREZHNEV SUMMIT IS SEEN AS PART OF THIS RUSSIAN DRIVE; IN THIS INSTANCE TRYING TO "TRICK" THE UNITED STATES INTO REDUCING ITS FORCES IN EUROPE, THEREBY FREEING THE SOVIET HAND TO CONCENTRATE ON CHINA. THIS ONE PARTICULAR MEETING IN AND OF ITSELF
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PRESENTED NO SPECIFIC PROBLEM FOR THE CHINESE AS THEY FELT BOTH

NIXON AND BREZHNEV NEEDED IT FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES, BUT IT DID CONCERN THE PRC AS PART OF THE GENERAL SOVIET WORLD-WIDE EFFORT, IN THIS CASE SPECIFICALLY TO SECURE AND LEGITIMIZE ITS EUROPEAN FRONTIERS. IN THE AMBASSADOR'S OPINION RUSSIA HAS FAILED REPEATEDLY IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO SANCTIFY THOSE AREAS ACQUIRED BY FORCE, I.E., BALTIC STATES, POLAND, BESSARABIA, ETC., BUT WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS THROUGH SECURITY CONFERENCES AND ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS. THE AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT CHINA HAD NOT QUARREL WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR ENGAGING IN SUMMIT MEETINGS ETC., WITH THE SOVIETS BUT EXPRESSED ANXIETY THAT THE RUSSIANS MIGHT "MISLEAD" THE UNITED STATES INTO REDUCING ITS FORCES IN EUROPE. HE GAVE AS AN EXAMPLE OF SOVIET DUPLICITY ON GERMAN REUNIFICATION WHEN IN REALITY WHAT THEY REALLY SOUGHT WAS CONTROL OF BOTH HALFS. TO UNDERLINE THIS "HYPOCRITICAL RUSSIAN POLICY" THE CHINESE WERE SUPPORTING REUNIFICATION EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD STRONG MISGIVINGS ON THE SUBJECT AS THEY WERE FULLY AWARE OF WHAT A UNITED GERMANY HAD DONE TO THE WORLD IN THE PAST.

3. REGARDING INDO-CHINA, THE PRC SEES THINGS AS WORKING OUT IN VIETNAM AND ARE SATISFIED WITH THE SITUATION AS IT IS NOW EVOLVING. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, TROUBLED BY THE CURRENT SITUATION IN CAMBODIA AND TO QUOTE WHAT THE AMBASSADOR SAID: "WHAT SIHANOUK SAID IN BUCHAREST IS RIGHT".
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